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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,656,985

AB United States Patent No. 5,357,226

AC United States Patent No. 5,015,981

AL German PS 36 02 759

AR Patent Abstracts of Japan, Publication No. 08340193 A, Published December 24, 1996, for Japanese Application 08063993

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA, AC and AL were cited during earlier examination of the present PCT application. All of these references were cited in category "A" as general technological background information. An English language abstract is readily available to the Applicant; however, an English language abstract is attached thereto.

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Reference AL together with references AB and AR were cited by the German Patent Office during examination of the German application corresponding to the present United States application.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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